THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The tentative liability of Rs. 87.61 lakhs in respect of Oxytetracycline and its formulations and Rs. 98.00 lakhs in the case of Multivitamin formulations, were communicated to M/s Pfizer vide letters dated 4.6.90 and 11.2.91 respectively. The company however requested for personal hearing to explain its case in detail. The hearings were granted, the Speaking Orders were passed vide letters dated 12.12.91 in both the cases, in which the plea of the company were rejected and its liability was maintained at Rs. 87.61 lakhs and Rs. 98.00 lakhs respectively. The company made yet another representation which was finally rejected with the approval of the competent authority. The company has, however filed Writ Petitions in the Bombay High Court, in April, 1992, in both the cases and therefore, the matters are sub-judice at present. In yet another case, relating to Protinex, for which some data become available from M/s. Pfizer after a number of reminders, the tentative liability of the company has been computed as Rs. 8.83 lakhs and already communicated to it vide letter dated 22-2-1992. Some more data is still awaited in this regard.

(b) to (d) No, Sir. There is absolutely no basis for such a charge against the officers concerned.

Report on import of Tolnafate and Cefotaxim

1947. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 303 given in Rajyja Sabha on 12.12.91 and state:

(a) whether Government have promised to call for the report on import of Tolnafate and Cefotaxim where prima facie foreign exchange is being remitted through overinvoicing;

(b) whether nothing has been done in the matter so far;

(c) what are the reasons for this inaction and what are the prices of Tolnafate, Dipyridamol, Chlopromazine, Trifluoperazine and Carbamezepine on which the formulation prices are based at present;

(d) what steps Government have taken to examine the entire matter; and

(e) what is the present position on reducing prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) to (e) This question relates to subject matter raised in Rajya Sabha Starred Question No. 303 answered on 12th December, 1991 on which Assurance was given that a report from Directorate of Revenue Intelligence would be called in regard to specific complaints. This report has since been received and the said Assurance is now in the process of being fulfilled.

Recommending duty concessions on bulk drugs

1948. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA

CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2080 given in Rajya Sabha on 12th December, 1991 and state:

(a) what are the major reasons which weighed with his Ministry in recommending duty concession on bulk drugs/intermediates and formulations;

(b) what are the intermediates and formulations where even after concessions in duty for over a decade dowphasing has not been done and basic production has not been stablished;

(c) whether concessions once granted are not reviewed unless there is a complaint;

(d) what are the names of drugs and formulations, where prices have not reduced after the duty concessions fo